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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT "A"
UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 2, 2001, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Remarks. It is not believed that extensions of time are required beyond that which is provided for in documents accompanying this Amendment. However, in the event that

extensions of time beyond that which is provided for is necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fees required therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account 19-2555.

Please cancel claim 1 ~~without~~ prejudice or disclaimer.

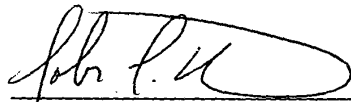
In the Office action the Examiner identified that claim 1 and claims 2-32 are directed toward separate inventions. Applicants elect invention II corresponding to claims 2-32.

Applicants believe that all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection set forth by the Examiner in the Office Action have been properly accommodated or addressed. Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and withdraw them. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative if it is felt that an interview might be useful for any reason.

Respectfully submitted,
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Date: 19 Oct. 2001

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